Technical education in remote areas

†1218. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any scheme to impart technical education in the remote Adivasi regions;

(b) if so, since when, the places in the States are benefited by this scheme; and

(c) the names of technical schools which have been either set up or proposal to be set up during 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, the proposals for starting of vocational schools at 10+2 level are formulated by the concerned State Governments and submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for consideration, approval and release of grants. No proposals from the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been received under this scheme during 2005-06 and 2006-07. The scheme, however, does not cover opening of 'technical schools'.

Fake universities in the country

†1219. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty or more universities have been found to be fake in the country;

(b) if so, the number of students who were studying in these universities and the date of such students;

(c) the quantum of grant given to these fake universities by UGC and other Government resources; and

(d) the details of the action taken against those responsible for running these universities?

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